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WASHINGTON, October 9, 1986 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended October 4 totaled an estimated 17.6 billion ton-miles, 1.5 percent above the corresponding week of 1985, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 40 weeks of 1986 was an estimated 677.0 billion ton-miles, virtually the same as the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended October 4 totaled 392,516, down 0.6 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 1.0 percent lower than the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 5.2 percent in the West, and down 5.3 percent in the East, and 5.2 percent in the South.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 14 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. However, grain showed a gain of 8,965 cars (42.5 percent) and metallic ores increased by 3,279 cars (30.5 percent). Twelve of the 21 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended September 27 totaled 106,007 trailers and/or containers, 6.6 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 39 weeks of the year was 3,695,066 trailers and/or containers, up 9.1 percent from 1985.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 10/04/86:

	Loadings in Week ended October 4, 1986		Change from Corresponding Week 1985			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	30,079	I	8,965	42.5	I	1,418	4.9
Other farm products	3,896	I	183	4.9	I	378	10.7
Metallic ores	14,024	I	3,279	30.5	D	2,641	15.8
Coal	111,761	D	6,477	5.5	D	3,055	2.7
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	14,644	I	339	2.4	D	487	3.2
Nonmetallic minerals	8,912	D	3,851	30.2	I	556	6.7
Grain mill products	10,555	D	462	4.2	I	107	1.0
Food and kindred products	11,372	I	47	0.4	I	107	0.9
Primary forest products	10,424	D	173	1.6	D	73	0.7
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,872	I	919	13.2	D	558	6.6
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,273	D	1,820	12.9	I	236	2.0
Chemicals and allied products	23,954	D	1,015	4.1	D	344	1.4
Petroleum products	4,401	D	294	6.3	D	143	3.1
Stone, clay and glass products	10,369	D	157	1.5	D	544	5.0
Coke	4,066	D	668	14.1	I	127	3.2
Metals and products	7,920	D	961	10.8	D	135	1.7
Motor vehicles and equipment	20,192	D	3,278	14.0	D	198	1.0
Waste and scrap materials	7,597	D	1,413	15.7	D	332	4.2
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	3,899	D	3,177	44.9	I	249	6.8
All other carloads	74,189	I	7,591	11.4	I	1,289	1.8
LCL traffic	117	D	46	28.2	D	3	2.5
Total Cars Loaded	392,516	D	2,469	0.6	D	4,046	1.0
Corresponding week of 1985	394,985						

	1986	1985	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (40 weeks)	14,945,418	15,050,790	D 0.7
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
39 Weeks ended September 27	659.4	659.8 (Rev.)	D 0.0
Week ended October 4	17.6	17.3	I 1.5
40 Weeks cumulative	677.0	677.1	D 0.0*

* Difference is less than 0.01 percent

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